

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, Meeting of 2nd September 2019

Present: Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Clare Gould, Nicola Combe, Frances Tordoff

Apologies Martin Luke, Gillian Allen, Sheila Bliss

Minutes of previous meeting: These were approved.

Recent Developments:

The pump installation has been completed and water can now be pumped as far as the first bed.

The website has been upgraded to meet latest web standards and allow people with log-in permissions to edit the site.

The art exhibition was not quite as successful this year. It was over a very sunny Bank Holiday weekend and this might have affected attendance. The exhibition boards are to remain in the workshop for the time being.

We are open to hosting more exhibitions in future.

We have accepted an offer of £37 for our spare sleepers. These have been cluttering up the workshop but will be removed in the near future.

Summer Fair:

The Summer Fair was successful.

The barbecue went well. The books that were left over went to Atticus. The DVDs that were left were sold for £20.

There were more donations for the plant stall this year. Leftover plants were tended by Clare and then donated to the allotment sale.

There were not enough people to staff the cake and refreshments stall. It was suggested that we have a rota next year as people are more likely to volunteer for a definite time slot.

It was suggested that we might ask the Canal and River Trust if they wanted to take part next year.

Bridge Meadow

There have been discussions about adopting the overgrown verge on Basin/Fox's Bridge. It was decided that the Aldcliffe Yard management company will take on the agreement for this and the Triangle will provide some volunteer time to maintain it.

Outstanding Jobs

We have had interest in doing the work to repair the pergola posts.

Mike has been staining and painting the pergola in his spare time. He has also been visiting daily to remove rubbish. Nicola has volunteered to visit on alternate days to remove rubbish.

Dave is to get a price for the work needed on the skylight and ceiling in the workshop.

We need to connect the hose and fittings to the other beds. A suitable connector might need to be identified.

We could try using damp-stop paint on the back wall of the workshop.

Any Other Business

Volunteer Sessions – There was a discussion about the volunteer sessions. These have been less frequent recently and we have fewer volunteers.

It was decided that we would hold sessions from 2 – 4 pm on the second Sunday of each month. These will be advertised on the notice board and the website. Hopefully this will help to recruit new volunteers.

We will keep a job list on file and work through the jobs at each volunteer session. We will update the list at our meetings.

Allotment tables - These need moving from the Fairfield shed.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 61 Regent Street on 7th October 2019 at 7.30pm